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SUBJECT: WHEAT SUPPLY SITUATION IN LEBANON

1. AFTER SIGNING PL-480 AGREEMENT APRIL 25, I HAD BRIEF CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER HOSS ABOUT WHEAT. HE SAID THAT AS WE MAY HAVE NOTICED, SOME TWO WEEKS AGO HE HAD ANNOUNCED THAT NO MORE IMPORT LICENSES WOULD BE ISSUED AFTER THREE DAYS. THIS WAS ATTEMPT TO BRING CLARITY TO WHEAT SUPPLY SITUATION. IMMEDIATE RESULT WAS THAT MERCHANTS HAD COME FORWARD WITH TRANSACTIONS ALREADY CONCLUDED FOR AT LEAST 30,000 TONS. ONE TRANSACTION ALONE HAD BEEN FOR 24,000 TONS. ANOTHER MERCHANT HAD COME IN ONE DAY LATE WITH A TRANSACTION WHICH HE HAD ALREADY CONCLUDED FOR 30,000 TONS, OF WHICH 3,000 TONS WAS IN SHIP APPROACHING BEIRUT HARBOR. HOSS HAD MADE A DEAL WITH HIM TO LET THE 3,000 TONS COME IN PROVIDING OTHER 27,000 TONS WERE CONCELED.

2. IN BRIEF, LEBANESE HAD 30,000 TONS EN ROUTE THAT THEY HAD NOT KNOWN ABOUT WHEN WE BEGAN OUR PL-480 NEGOTIATIONS. GIVEN STORAGE PROBLEMS, THEY WERE GOING TO HAVE TO FIND SOME WAY TO RELIEVE THE PRESSURE. THEY NOW HAD 60,000 TONS OF FLOUR AND 90,000 TONS OF WHEAT ON HAND OR EN ROUTE, NOT TO MENTION THE
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CANADIAN WHEAT DEAL. THEY WERE GOING TO ASK THE CANADIANS TO DELAY A PORTION OF THEIR WHEAT SHIPMENTS UNTIL NEXT YEAR. THEY HOPED THE CANADIANS WOULD AGREE. IF THEY DID NOT, THE LEBANESE MIGHT ASK US FOR PERMISSION TO EXPORT SOME OF THEIR FLOUR. HOSS WAS NOT MAKING SUCH A REQUEST AT THIS POINT BECAUSE HE THOUGHT THE SITUATION COULD BE HANDLED. HE WAS JUST

CALLING OUR ATTENTION TO THE EXISTENCE OF SOMETHING
OF WHICH THE LEBANESE GOVERNMENT HAD NOT BEEN AWARE.
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